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VERIFICATION DEVICE

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SPECIFICATION

FINGERPRINT IMAGE EVALUATION METHOD AND FINGERPRINT VERIFICATION DEVICE

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to fingerprint verification technology for registering fingerprint images and more particularly, to evaluation technology for evaluating the quality of fingerprint images.

Background Art

Generally, a fingerprint verification device is used to compare a fingerprint image, which has been collected from a person to be identified, with a registered fingerprint image in order to determine whether the person to be identified is in the register. In such types of fingerprint verification devices, the fingerprint image collected from the person to be identified may be of poor quality, such as an image containing inadequate fingerprint ridgeline information caused by a dry or wet finger. In such case, sufficient information about the individual cannot be extracted in order to differentiate the person to be identified from the registered fingerprint images, thereby resulting in erroneous verification. Consequently, it has become an important issue to improve verification precision by using only good quality fingerprint images (i.e., fingerprint images having sufficient fingerprint ridgeline information and fingerprint images having little noise). In order to solve this problem, it is essential to evaluate the quality of the fingerprint image; thus, several technologies for evaluating the quality of fingerprint images have been previously developed.

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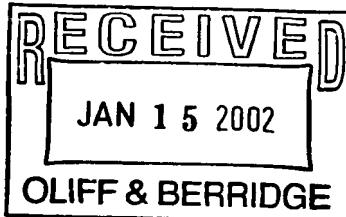


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EVALUATION

Title

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